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BYE-LAWS.

LODGE MEETINGS.

I.

The Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first Friday in every Calendar Month, at Mason's Hall, in the City of Saint John, at 7 o'clock in the evening, from the first Friday in October, until the first Friday in March; and at 8 o'clock in the evening from the first Friday in April, until the first Friday in September, of each year.

II.

A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority first given. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and afterwards recorded on the minutes, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting.

PROPOSING MEMBERS, &c.

I.

No Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is, or was last, a Member, shall have been sent to all the Members in the summons for the next stated Lodge Meeting; at which meeting the Certificate of his former Lodge is to be produced, or other satisfactory testimony of his good conduct; and his name shall stand on the books for one Month, that due enquiry may be made as to character.

II.

No person shall be made a Mason in this Lodge without a regular proposition in one Lodge, and a ballot at the next regular stated meeting, nor until his name, addition, or occupation, and place of abode shall have been sent to all the Members in the summons, and his name stand on the books one Month, that strict enquiry may be made as to his character.

III.

Every person wishing to be made a Masen in this Lodge must be a free man, of the full age of twenty-one years, and his own master, and be known to be in reputable circumstances at the time

of initiation, and he must, previously to being proposed, subscribe his name at full length to the following declaration, viz. :

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Members of ALBION LODGE, *No.* 841,—

I —— ——, being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare, that unbiassed by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a Candidate for the mysteries of Masonry ; that I am prompted by favourable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

Witness my Hand, this — day of — .

Witness, ——— ———.

And which application must be accompanied with the sum of Twenty Shillings. If he be admitted this sum to form a part of his Initiation Fee, and if he decline coming forward, or be rejected, the amount shall be returned to him ; but if, after being balloted for and admitted, he then decline to come forward, the money to be forfeited for the benefit of the Lodge.

VI.

No Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, if, on the ballot being taken, three negative or black balls appear against him, but he shall be

excluded without any reason being assigned ; if two negatives are against him he shall be admitted, unless satisfactory reasons are offered to the brethren for his exclusion.

VII.

No person shall be made a Mason in this Lodge, if on the Ballot being taken, two negative or black balls appear against him, but he shall be excluded without any reason being assigned ; if one negative is against him, he shall be admitted, unless satisfactory reasons are offered to the Brethren for his exclusion.

VIII.

In cases of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a Candidate shall be allowed.—Any two Members of the Lodge may transmit, in writing, to the Master, the name, addition, or occupation, &c. of any candidate they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency ; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall notify the said recommendation to every Member of the Lodge, stating the name, age, and profession, and place of abode, of the Candidate, and may at the same time summon a Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate ; and if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry. The Master shall previously to the ballot being taken, cause the said pro-

position and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the Minute Book of the Lodge, but the Candidate shall not be entitled to receive another degree on the same day, nor at a less interval than one month, agreeably to the second clause of the general Rules.

LODGE FEES AND DUES.

I.

Every Brother who shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, shall pay to the funds the sum of Ten Shillings.

II.

Every person who shall be made a Mason in this Lodge, shall pay to the funds, for his initiation, the sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings, of which the sum of Twenty Shillings, previously paid on the night of proposal shall form a part.

III.

No Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, nor shall any Candidate be allowed to receive the first degree in Masonry, until it shall have been notified to the Master, by the Secretary, in open Lodge, that the fees for joining and initiation have been duly paid.

IV.

Every Master Mason of this Lodge shall sub-

scribe and pay to the funds, the sum of One Shilling and Three Pence Monthly.

VISITORS.

I.

No visitor shall be admitted into this Lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the Brethren present, and every visitor during his continuance in the Lodge is strictly to conform to the Bye Laws thereof.

II.

No Brother, who is not a subscribing Member to some Lodge, shall be permitted to visit this Lodge more than once during his secession from the Craft, sojourners excepted.

III.

No Brother who has been concerned in making a Mason clandestinely, or in a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or who has assisted in forming any new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall be admitted a visitor to this Lodge.

LODGE BOOKS AND PROCEEDINGS.

The Master of this Lodge, or some Brother appointed by him as Secretary, shall keep a Book in which the times and places of Meeting, as well as

all its proceedings and transactions, such as are proper to be written, shall be duly recorded, and which are to be approved and confirmed at every regular Monthly meeting.

II.

The Master of this Lodge, or some Brother appointed by him as Secretary shall keep a Book, in which shall be inserted the names of the Members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission, or initiation, passing and raising, and also their ages at the time, and their titles, trades, or professions, together with the several sums received for initiation and joining fees, and Monthly dues.

III.

The Master of this Lodge shall prepare, or cause it to be done by the Secretary, on or before St. John's Day in December, in each and every year, a List of all the Members of the Lodge, stating their names, trades, and professions, age, and place of abode, with the dates of admission, initiation, passing and raising, and the amount of Fees due to the Grand Lodge of England for registry and joining; and which list, signed by himself and the Secretary, together with the amount of fees to be withdrawn from the funds of the Lodge, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, by the earliest and most convenient opportunity.

IV.

The Treasurer and Secretary of this Lodge shall

furnish their accounts annually in December, which accounts shall be examined and reported upon by a Committee of three Members, to be nominated on the regular night in December; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to see that the accounts are correctly and properly adjusted, and that no accounts are paid by the Treasurer, unless duly authorised by the Lodge, and signed by the Master, in order that a final and proper adjustment of the year's transactions may be made previously to the new Master being installed in the Chair.

LODGE CLOTHING.

I.

Every Member of this Lodge shall provide himself with proper Masonic Clothing, agreeably to the directions contained in the Book of Constitutions, and inserted at the end of these Bye Laws; and no Brother or visitor shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Lodge without his proper Clothing.

LODGE SEAL.

I.

The Seal of this Lodge shall be in the custody of the Master, and shall be affixed to all documents proper to be issued; and in case the impression of

the Seal shall at any time hereafter be changed, another impression shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary by the earliest opportunity.

LODGE CERTIFICATE.

I.

A Lodge Certificate, signed by the Master and Wardens in the usual manner, shall be granted to every Member of this Lodge, free of expense, on application. The name of the Brother shall be signed in the margin, and the dates of initiation, passing, and raising, duly inserted in the Certificate, and the Master shall be held responsible that no Certificate is on any pretence granted, until all fees and Lodge dues shall have been paid by the member requiring it.

GENERAL RULES.

I.

The Master and Treasurer of this Lodge shall be annually elected by ballot, on the first Friday in December, such Master having been regularly appointed, and having served as a Warden of a Warranted Lodge, and on the St. John's Day following when the Minutes are confirmed, he shall be installed in the Chair according to ancient usage;

after which he shall appoint his Wardens and other officers, who are also, with the Treasurer, to be installed in their respective offices, except the Tyler, who is to be chosen by the Members of the Lodge, and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the Brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

II.

This Lodge shall not, on any pretence, make more than five new Brothers in one day, nor shall more than one degree be given on the same day; nor shall a higher degree in Masonry be conferred on any Brother at a less interval than One Month from his receiving a previous degree; nor until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that degree.

III.

Every Brother on receiving the third degree in Masonry in this Lodge shall be received as a Member, without further proposition or ballot, provided he express his wish to that effect.

IV.

Any Brother who has been concerned in making a Mason clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular lodge, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a Member, nor even as a visitor of this Lodge, until he make due submission, and obtain grace.

V.

Every Member of this Lodge shall commence the payment of Monthly dues on the day of his admission, or on receiving the third degree of Masonry; and no Brother shall be permitted to vote at the annual election of Master and Treasurer, until they shall have been duly paid to the Secretary, nor shall any Brother be allowed to withdraw his name from the Books of the Lodge until all dues shall have been liquidated.

VI.

Any Member who shall so far forget the respect due to himself and the Members of this Lodge as to appear in a state of inebriety, or not in clean and decent apparel, or who shall make use of any immoral or uncourteous language; or who by any improper conduct and behaviour shall disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, for the first offence he shall be admonished by the Master, and for the second offence of the same nature he shall be ordered to leave the Room for the evening; and should he on a third occasion be guilty of similar disrespect and impropriety, he shall be suspended by a voice of the majority of the Members present, until he make a proper acknowledgment of his fault and promise amendment.

VII.

In every debate concerning the affairs of the Ledge, complaint made, or question that may arise, every Member shall stand up while he speaks, and

address himself to the Master ; and if more than one speak at a time, the Master shall direct the first who stood up to proceed, and the rest shall immediately sit down, and remain silent until such Brother has done, when the next shall be heard in order, and thus every Brother have the opportunity to express his opinion. No private disputes or altercations shall be permitted during Lodge hours on any subject, but the Master and Wardens shall be strictly attended to, and punctually obeyed in their several respective official capacities, nor is any member to quit the room without permission from the Chair.

VIII.

Every Member of this Lodge on the day of his admission, or on receiving the third degree of Masonry, shall be directed by the Master to sign these Bye Laws in the Lodge Book kept for that purpose ; and the Master shall cause a copy of them to be given to each member on his signature being attached thereto, that every Brother may inform himself of his Masonic duties, and be governed accordingly.

IX.

And every Member of this Lodge who may be found guilty of any misdemeanour, not directly specified in the foregoing Rules and Regulations, shall be dealt with according to the discretion of the Master, Wardens, and majority of the Brethren present ; but whose decision, in every case, shall be subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge of England.

MASONIC CLOTHING and INSIGNIA.

The following Masonic Clothing and Insignia shall be worn by the Craft; and no Brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge without his proper Clothing.

If any honorary or other jewel be worn, it must be conformable to, and consistent with those degrees which are recognised by the Grand Lodge.

JEWELS.

Masters of Lodges,.....The Square.
Past Masters,.....The Square and the Diagram of the 47 Prop. 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior Warden,.....The Level.
Junior Warden,.....The Plumb.
Treasurer,.....The Key.
Secretary,.....The Cross Pens.
Deacons,.....The Dove.
Inner Guard,.....Cross Swords.
Tyler,.....The Sword.

The above to be in silver; the Collars to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed on the light blue ribbon.

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white Lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament—white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white Lambskin, similar to the Entered Apprentice, with the addition of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap—no other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of Lodges who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the Apron.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles ; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch ; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron.